Celebrating The Life of Grover Cleveland Dixon, Sr.

Sunrise
September 5, 1931

Sunset
April 15, 2019

Services Held
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
11:00 am
North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Fred Jackson Way
Richmond, California 94801

Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell, Sr., Officiating

Remembering Grover Cleveland Dixon, Sr.

Grover Cleveland Dixon, Sr., was born September 5, 1931 to the late Dallas Fletcher Dixon and Mattie Bell Kendrick-Dixon in Minden, Louisiana. Born into a large family he was the third of ten siblings. He resided in Minden until the age of 12 when his family moved to Richmond, California in 1943. Grover completed his academic studies having attended Roosevelt Junior High School and graduated from Richmond Union High School in 1951.

During his formative years, he enjoyed playing various sports which included baseball. He played with a locally sponsored team, the Cleanatorium Cleaners. In addition, just as his older brother David before him, he was a paperboy for the Richmond Independent where he delivered newspapers to the North Richmond community.

Grover received Christ at an early age. After moving to Richmond, he united with North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Rev. F.W. Watkins, where he was an active and faithful member until the Lord called him home.

In 1952, Grover enlisted into the United States Air Force. He would often joke and say that he flew airplanes but in fact, one of his duties was to fuel the planes. After honoring his four year commitment, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Airman First Class. For his service, he received several medals: Good Conduct, National Defense Service, Korean Service and the United Nations Service.

After completing his military career, he met and married Rosie Mae Stevenson and to this union four children were born; Jacqueline, Eunice, Mark and Rozena. Later, Grover enrolled in Moler Barber College and obtained his barbering license. Soon he began is barbering career working with Mr. Leon Greer on Grove Street in Richmond. He eventually became an entrepreneur opening Elite Barbershop. Grover had quite the following and built a successful career spanning generations of men, women and children. He often provided his services to various nursing homes in the El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Richmond and San Pablo communities and sponsored many organizations. Though he retired in the early 1990's, his love for barbering and still having a strong work ethic, he setup a barber station in his garage and continued to cut hair for family and friends, as well as travel to various nursing homes.

Grover eventually met and married the love of his life, Irma Dean Spikes, on December 9, 1967. To this union, they welcomed two children, Elona Estelle and Grover Cleveland Jr. They were an inseparable, loving and fun couple. Grover often served as Irma's assistant and helped her update bulletin boards at North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church. He could be seen carrying her materials, stapling papers or removing pictures. Rarely were they apart and in the last three years of his life, Grover selflessly dedicated his time driving from Richmond every day to be with Irma who resides in a nursing home in Walnut Creek, CA.

Grover enjoyed fishing, watching sports, working in his yard and eating peanuts which he referred to as "goobers". He rarely complained and found joy in laughter and spending time with family and friends. Grover was a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and brother-in-law. The pages of his memory are written upon our hearts in indelible ink and will be cherished by all of us who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dallas F. Dixon and Mattie B. Kendrick-Dixon; three brothers David, Buelo and Liso Dixon; three sisters Mandy Hunter, Vera Lee Grosse and Theresa Thornton. Also preceding him in death was his stepdaughter Mildred Ford.

He leaves to honor his memory and celebrate his legacy, his loving wife of 51 years Irma Dean; children Jacqueline Dixon (Ken Potts), Richmond, CA., Eunice Dixon, Berkeley, CA., Mark Dixon, Lancaster, CA., Rozena Dixon, Kansas City, MO., Elona Dixon, Richmond, CA., Grover Dixon Jr. (Shermeka), Pinole, CA.; siblings Joseph D. Dixon (Lula Mae), San Pablo, CA., Joe Edward Dixon, Richmond, CA.; sister, Queenester Dixon, Emeryville, CA.; brother-in-law D'Emanuel Grosse, Richmond, CA.; sister-in-law Dorothy Dixon, Milpitas, CA and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell, Sr. & Family

Prayer.....Reverend Kenneth Davis

Scriptures.....Old Testament.....Reverend Carl Cotwright
New Testament.....Reverend W.F. Lewis

Musical Selection.....Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There.....Bro. Carl Cross

Acknowledgments of Cards & Condolences.....Sis. Patricia Daniels

Resolutions.....Sis. Patricia Daniels

Obituary.....Read Silently

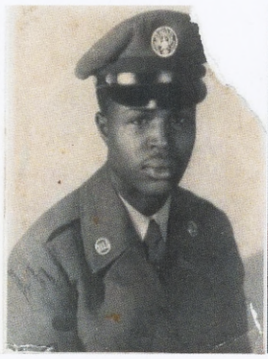
Remarks.....Jacqueline Dixon
Joseph Dixon
Rozena Dixon
Lucy B. Coleman
Reverend Casey

Musical Selection.....When You Hear of My Homegoing.....Reverend Raymond Smith

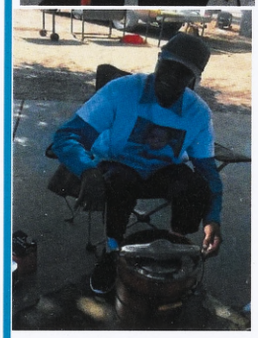
Eulogy.....Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell, Sr.

Parting View.....Stewart's Rose Manor Staff In Charge

Recessional



My Life, My Family, My Legacy



Cherished Memories

Active Pallbearers

Pierre Denis	Rodney Dixon
Derrick Dixon	Darrell Dixon
Ayinde Garza	Troy Hughes

Honorary Pallbearers

Joseph D. Dixon	Joe E. Dixon
Lavoisier Harper	Grover Dixon, Jr.

Family Acknowledgement

In my Father's house are many mansions;
if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
John 14:2 KJV

When our husband and father made the transition to his Heavenly Home, we were blessed to be surrounded by the love and concern of our family and friends. The ways in which you've expressed your love, condolences and support has been uplifting and heartfelt during this difficult time. We extend our love and appreciation to all.

The Family of Grover C. Dixon

I Am Free!

Don't grieve for me for now I am free.

I am following the path God hath laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day - to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss -

all of these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow.

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much -

good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief.

Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief

Lift up your heart and share with me.

God wanted me now, He set me free.

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California 94803

Repast

(Following Interment for family and close friends)
North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Fred Jackson Way
Richmond, California 94801

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of:

Stewart's Rose Manor Funeral Service
3331 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, California 94805